BOTH A WON'T SURRENDER

Rejects the Peace Terms Submitted by the British.

LONDON PRESS FEELS RELIEVED

Colonial Secretary Chamberlain Announces the Decision of General Botha in the House of Commons-Boer Leader Says His Government Agrees With His View-British Began Negotiations

London.-The Right Hon. Joseph the Colonies, informed the House of Commons that Commandant General Botha had rejected the peace terms offered to him.

Mr. Chamberlain said General Botha to General Kitchener, in which he to recommend the terms of peace General Kitchener was instructed to offer him to the earnest consideration of his Government. General Botha added that his Government and its chief officers entirely agreed with his view. Mr. Chamberlain added:

"I propose to lay the papers con-nected with the negotiations on the able now."

The issuance of Parliamentary papers on the negotiations has, however, een delayed.

General Botha's refusal to accept the peace terms offered to him is commented upon with an evident ense of relief. The idea that General Kitchener initiated the negotiations instead of General Botha, as had been supposed, is unpalatable to the British

British Destroy Grain at Wepener.

Mafeteng. Basutoland. - General Bruce Hamilton's force, which is sweeping over the southeast portion of Orange River Colony, has reached Wepener. (on the frontier of Basuto-land), where the troops found heavy stocks of grain and cattle. They carried away as much as possible, but ad to destroy 30,000 bags of grain. The houses at Wepener were found to be intact.

Status of Former Boer Republics. Washington, D. C.-The status of the Transvaal and the Orange River Colony in the eyes of the Government



(It is announced that he will not recurn to South Africa as the United States Consul-General.)

of the United States probably will be for the first time fixed when a consul general is sent to Pretoria to succeed Adelbert S. Hay return to South Africa.

RUSSIAN STUDENTS SHOT DOWN. Five Killed and Eighty Wounded in Riots at St. Petersburg.

London.-The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Daily Mail says that the rioting there was renewed on the occasion of the mass at the Kazan Cathedral for M. Bogolyepoff, the murdered Minister of Public Instruc-

The students created disturbances outside the cathedral and the police were obliged to use their revolvers. They fired several volleys and five students were killed and eighty wounded. More than a hundred were

The rioting broke out again at night and the police knowled many of the It is believed that the trouble will increase.

The correspondent adds that one of the most curious features of the situation is that not the faintest hint of the universal ferment or of the daily as semblages in the streets is allowed to appear in the newspapers.

FAMILY OF SEVEN WIPED OUT. Charred Bodies of Man and Wife and

Five Children Found in Burned Ruins. Wellston, Ohio.-The charred bodies of Jeff Hill, his wife and five children were found in the smoldering embers of a burning house. Hill and his family lived in a log cabin. The nearest neighbor, Edward McGinnis, discovered the house in flames at a late hour at night.

Only one door opened out of the room in which the seven were sleeping. The fire caught in front of that door, blocking the only way of escape. The whole family perished. It is supposed the fire caught from a wood stove, although the theory is advanced that the family may have been murdered and the house burned to hide the

crime. The National Memorial to Victoria It has been decided that the National Memorial to Queen Victoria shall be erected in front of Buckingham

Palace, at London.

Mexican Planter Cut to Pleces. Pedro Maza, a wealthy planter, was attacked in his home, near Cordova, Mexico, by a band of brigands and literally cut to pieces with knives, and his servant, who attempted to defend him, was shot and killed. The robbers carried off all the money and valuables on the place.

A Lieutenant Honorably Discharged. First Lieutenant Albert M. Petite, Thirty-ninth Infantry, U. S. V., has been honorably discharged from the

Newsy Gleanings Andrew Carnegie has offered libraries to Lawrence, Kan., and San Jose,

Bananas are now grown successfully in some sheltered spots in Southern California. Census figures show a great decrease

of population in India, due to the plague and famine.

Indian Ridge and Ellangowan coltieries, near Shenandbah, Penn., are tied up by the drought.

William the Conqueror's castle at Bonneville, in Normandy, has been cold at auction for \$16,000.

BOY IS NEARLY LYNCHED

Youthful Desperado Attempted to Rob a Cashier at Berlin, N. J.

Captured, a Noose Was Around His Neck When a Constable Overawed the Mob at Pistol Point.

Camden, N. J.-Walter Atkinson, sixteen years old, was brought here a prisoner and lodged in the County Jail, charged with attempted murder. He had a narrow escape from being lynched at Berlin. Atkinson lives in this city. A few days ago he rode Chamberlain, Secretary of State for out to Berlin on his bicycle. He dismounted in front of James Hewitt's general store and walked inside. Charles McIlvaine, the cashier of the store, was alone at the time.

McIlvaine advanced to the counter to wait on the supposed customer. A had conveyed his decision in a letter | pistol was thrust in his face and he was ordered to give up all the money in the place. McIlvaine refused. Ha announced that he was not disposed ducked behind the counter just in time to miss a bullet.

Atkinson started to go behind the counter as Mr. Hewitt ran in from the rear of the building. Atkinson shot at him, ran out of the store, and jumped on his bicycle. He went down the road at a clipping pace, and would have got away had not a mishap occurred. Just outside the village a narrow wooden bridge spans the creek. On the bridge he lost control of his wheel, and ran into the side piece, and he and the bicycle turned somersaults into the swamp through which

the stream runs. He was taken back to Berlin. While awaiting the constable a movement was started to lynch the boy. The lawabiding citizens made objections, but were pushed aside and blows were exchanged freely. The lynchers got hold of the prisoner and had the rope on him when Constable Norcross arrived. Breaking through the crowd, he pulled off the noose and by a display of his revolver drove away the violent ones. Then Atkinson attacked the constable. Finally his elbows were tied with the rope that had come near ending his life. Atkinson admits the hold-up. He says he needed the money, but says

INITIATION RECORDS BROKEN.

Royal Arcanum Receives 950 Recruits

Under Remarkable Conditions. Brooklyn, N. Y.-Nine hundred and fifty men in the boroughs of Brooklyn and Queens, of Greater New York, were initiated into the Royal Arcanum at a class initiation in the Fortyseventh Regiment Armory, Brooklyn, the number of candidates breaking all previous records in the way of class initiations. The next highest was a little over 600. Both the old armory of the Forty-seventh Regiment and the new annex were resplendent with officers clad in all the gorgeous jewels of the order. Regents and Past Regents were as plentiful as mosquitoes in August, and the blare of martial music from the Forty-seventh Regiment Band added glory to the pageant. In the new annex the meeting was called to order by Edward Sheffield, Chairman of the General Committee. About 3000 visitors, members of the order, were present, while in and about the building were about 4000 more people. H. W. Jones, Chairman of the Advisory Committee, introduced the Grand Officers of the State of New York. Over seventy local councils were represented. The introduction of Grand Officers from the States of Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Jersey and Rhode Island was followed by the introduction of the Supreme Regent and staff, wearing all the jewels of their rank in the order, and then came the introduction of the committee of Sectaries and Collectors. The initiation of the candidates followed.

CONCRESSMAN BROSIUS DEAD.

Passes Away of an Attack of Apoplexy-Was a Leading Figure in the House. Lancaster, Penn. - Congressman Martin Brosius, of the Tenth Pennsylvania District and Chairman of the Committee on Banking and Currency, fied at his home here of apoplexy. Mr. Brosius was born in this county

on March 7. 1843. He served brilliantly in the Civil War and was wounded severely at Bermuda Hundred. He was admitted to the bar in 1868. In 1882 he was defeated for Congressman-at-large, but was elected to the Fifty-first, Fifty-second, Fifty-third, Fifty-fourth, Fifty-fifth, Fifty-sixth and Fifty-seventh Congresses. He was one of the orators of the House and had taken high rank as a leader.

WHITE CONVICT LASHED TO DEATH. Jury Finds a Verdict Inculpating a Prison Guard.

Richmond, Va.-Rand Hart, a young white convict, was, according to the verdict of the Coroner's jury, at the inquest, beaten to death by a guard at one of the camps near Winston, N. C. The testimony showed that Hart was unmercifully whipped with a rawhide by a man named Pink Fulton. The county physician who made the post-mortem examination said the wounds inflicted caused death. A warrant has been sworn out for the arrest of the guard, but he has not been found.

BANK WRECKER CAUGHT.

The Fugitive Cashier of the Niles, Mich., Bank Arrested in Columbus, Ohio.

Washington, D. C .- Charles A. Johnson, the fugitive cashier of the First National Pank, of Niles, Mich., was captured in Columbus, Ohio, by Secret Service officers. The bank recently closed its doors owing to Johnson's embezzlerient, which, according to the warrant issued, amounted to \$100,000, but is suprosed to be much greater.

COUNT BONI THE VICTOR.

Shot M. de Rodays in the Thigh in the Duel at Paris.

Paris, France-In the duel fought between Count Boni de Castellane and M. de Rodays, editor of Le Figaro, the latter was wounded in the thigh. Count Boni was not touched. The meeting took place in the Parc des Princes, where many cycling events were arranged last summer. Count de Dion directed the duel, which was fought on a grassy plot in

the centre of the track.

Jury Falls to Agree; Mob Hangs Negro At Tiptonville, Tenn., a mob hanged Ike Fitzgerald to a tree near the Court House. The negro was charged with assault on a white girl, Miss Mina Davenport, nineteen years and a trial jury had just reported that they could not agree and had been discharged. A different verdict had been expected, and a mob seized the prisoner before the Sheriff could hurry him from the courtroom and

hanged him to a tree. Canadian Lotteries Suppressed The lottery evil in Canada has been suppressed by law.

The Cruiser New York Sent to Enforce Our Demand.

WANT APOLOGY FOR DISCOURTESY

The United States Demand \$50,000 as Indemnity For Outrages Against American Citizens - Threat of the Grand Vizier to Prevent Our Consul General From Seeing the Sultan.

Washington, D. C .- United States Consul-General Gummere has again been ordered to go from Tangier to Fez and demand settlement of the many claims of the United States against the Sultan of Morocco.

The armored cruiser New York, Rear-Admiral Rodger's flagship, is to take him to Mazargan and land him there and then cover the city of Tangier with her guns until our claims are satisfactorily adjusted.

It took just such action as this to

collect the claims for the death of Marcus Ezagui, and the State Department is convinced that only warships can collect money from the Sultan of The United States has an aggregate

of about \$50,000 in claims due to the citizens of the States who have been unjustly dealt with by the provincial authorities of Morocco. Orders have been cabled to the cruiser New York from the State De-

partment to take on board Consul-General Cummere at Tangier. Mr. Gummere is instructed to demand the payment personally from the Grand Vizier at Morocco City. Morocco has agreed to pay the Ezaqui claim of \$5000, but she has stead-fastly ignored the settlement of

equally important indemnities. The aggregate of \$50,000 is the result of several years of outrages against American citizens. In some instances commercial travelers have been interfered with contrary to treaty rights. In other cases the property of Americans, such as cattle, sheep and grain, has been seized by the provincial authorties. Now an imracdiate reckoning has been de-

manded. One of the curicsities of the litiga-tion is that the Morocco "Court" gets out of the way whenever a day been set for a hearing. Mr. Gummere has been instructed to corral the Court and insist on a hearing. If the Court is not willing to yield to Mr. Gum-mere's suasion the cruiser New York will take a hand in the settlement. In all cases, however, the presence of an American warship has been effective off Morocco.

The Grand Vizier and the Minister of Foreign Affairs have threatened to move the Court from Morocco City if Mr. Cummere goes there, and there is the possibility that he may have to hunt for them.

If, however, he fails to get satisfacion he will return to the cruiser New York, and her guns will speak with a voice that the Vizier will hear, even if he be away off among the Atlas Mountains. Morocco has a navy, but it consists of one gunboat, so there is no chance of war.

A Pension For Liliuokalani. A bill providing for a yearly pension of \$12,000 for former Queen LiliuoLa-



FORMER QUEEN LILIUORALANI OF HAWAII. lapi has passed its first reading in the Hawalian Legislature. All the political parties are pledged to give the

Boy Fires Keg of Powder For I'un. Thomas Conners, the eight-year-old son of Thomas Conners, a coal miner, Thomas, W. Va., has seen his older brothers set off powder in the yard for fun. His fether kept a big keg in the house, and the boy went up stairs and lighted it. The explosion wrecked the house and instantly killed the boy, almost tearing him to pieces.

Mob Murders a Negro Woman. Ballie Crutchfield, a colored woman

living near Rome, Smith County, Tenn., was killed by a mob who took her from her cabin, carried her to a bridge, where she was bound, shot to death and thrown into the creek. The woman was suspected of having found and failed to return a lost purse containing \$120.

Fire Almost Wipes Out Indiana Town. The town of Memphis, Ind., was almost totally wiped out by fire. Only ten houses remain, and scores of families are homeless. The fire started from a spark falling from a stair factory smokestack. The loss is estimated at \$200,000.

Safe Burylars Set & Town on Fire. The village of Lingleville, Texas, was destroyed by fire. Seven busi-ness houses and several dwellings were consumed. Burglars robbed several safes by blowing them open and then fired the buildings. About one hundred persons are homeless.

\$250,000 Fire in Montreal. The wholesale drug house of Leeming, Miles & Co., at Montreal, Que., was destroyed by fire. A fireman was killed by falling walls. The loss

will amount to about \$250,000.

New Assistant Secretary of War. President McKinley, at Washington, has appointed William Cary Sanger, of New York, Assistant Secretary of War in place of George D. Mciklejohn, of Nebraska. An hour later Mr. Sanger's commission had been signed and he had taken the oath of office and began active performance of his

McCaila to Command Kearsarge. Captain Bowman H. McCalla, now in command of the United States cruiser Newark, in Asiatic waters, has been ordered home to take com-mand of the battleship Kearsarga.

SUNDAY'S DISCOURSE BY THE NOTED DIVINE.

Subject : Good Influences-The Mission of the "Writer's Inkhorn"-How It Makes For the World's Batterment-The Inkstand of the World's Evangelization.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.—In a new way and from a peculiar text Dr. Talmage discourses of good influences brought to bear for the world's improvement. The text is Exekiel ix. 2, "And one man among them was clothed with linen, with a writer's inkhorn by his side."

The poem from which my text is taken is epic, lyric, dramatic, weird and overpowering. It is more than Homeric or Dantesque. No one ever had such divine dreams as Ezekiel. In a vision this prophet had seen wrathful angels, destroying angels, each with a sword, but in my text he sees a merciful angel with an inkhorn. The receptacle for the ink in olden text ne sees a merchil anger with an ink-horn. The receptacle for the ink in olden time was made out of the horn of a cow or a ram or a roebuck, as now it is made out of metal or glass, and therefore was out of metal or glass, and therefore was called the inkhorn, as now we say inkstand. We have all spoken of the power of the sword, of the power of wealth, of the power of office, of the power of social influence, but to-day I speak of the power for good or evil in the inkstand. It is upon your tables, holding a black or blue or red liquid. It is a fortress, an armory, a gateway, a ranson or a demolition. "You mistake," says some one. "It is the pen that has the power." No, my friend. What is the influence of a dry pen? Pass it up and down a sheet of paper, and it What is the influence of a dry pen? Pass it up and down a sheet of paper, and it leaves no mark. It expresses no opinion. It gives no warning. It spreads no intelligence. It is the liquid which the pen dips out of the inkstand that does the work. Here and there a celebrated pen, with which a Declaration of Independence or a Magna Charta or a treaty was signed has which a Declaration of Independence or a Magna Charta or a treaty was signed has been kept in literary museum or national archives, but for the most part the pens, whether, as of old, made out of reed or later of wing of bird or still later of metallic substance, have disappeared, while the liquid which the pens took from the inkstand remains in scroll; which, if put together, would be large enough to enwrap the round world. For practical, for moral, for religious, for eternal purposes, I speak of the mission of "the writer's inkhorn."

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First. I mention that which is purely domestic. The inkstand is in every household. It awaits the opportunity to express affection or condolence or advice. Father uses it; mother uses it; the sons and daughters use it. It tells the home news; it announces the marriage, the birth, the departure, the accident, the last sickness, the death. That home inkstand what a mission it has already executed, and what other missions will it yet fulfill! May it stand off from all insincerity and all querulousness. Let it tell only that which it would be well to read after the hand that wrote it and the hand that received it can write no more. Dip out of that inkstand only that which is paternal, maternal, filial, sisterly, brotherly. Sacred let it be, not to what are sometimes called the "household gods," but to the one and the only God who "setteth the solitary in families." Dip out of it solace for parents on the descending grade of years and encouragement for those who are climbing the steeps.

The carvers and glass blowers are ever The carvers and glass blowers are ever busy making more ornate and skillful bowls for the ink, but not one of them will be so sacred as the old fashioned inkstand out of which was dipped the liquid for the making of the family record on the blank leaves in the Bible between the Old and the New Testaments, not so Jeaves have blank as before recent are made. now blank as before recent ars made birthday or mortuary insertions. From that home inkstand the child dips out material for those large and awkward let-ters that one always makes when learning to write, and from it are taken the trem-bling letters that show the wrinkled hand

oning letters that show the writined and is gradually forgetting its cunning.

Oh, ye who have with recent years set homes of your own, out of the new home inkstand write often to the old folks, if they be still living. A letter means more to them than to us, who are amid the activities of life and to whom postal corrections of life and to whom postal corrections of life and to whom postal corrections. to them than to us, who are amid the ac-tivities of life and to whom postal corre-spondence is more than we can manage. They await the coming of the letter. Un-dertake no great thing in life without their advice. Old people for counsel, young peo-ple for action. Even though through de-cadence they may be incompetent to give valuable opinions on important affairs, compliment them by asking their counsel. It will do them good; it will make their last days exhilarant. Make that home inkstand a source of rejuvenescence to those who are near the terminus of the earthly journey. Domestic correspondence is not attended to at once. The newspaper, joining with the telegraph, bears the tidings of all the neighborhood, but swiftest revolving wheel of modern printing press and quickest flash along the electric wires and quickest flash along the electric wires. Domestic correspondence is not and quickest hash along the electric wires can never do the sympathetic work of the home inkstand. As the merciful angel of my text appeared before the brazen altar with the inkhorn at his side in Ezekiel's vision, so let the angel of filial kindness appear at the altars of the old homestead.

Furthermore, the inkstand of the business. appear at the altars of the old homestead. Furthermore, the inkstand of the business man has its mission. Between now and the hour of your demise, O commercial man, O professional man, there will not be a day when you cannot dip from the inkhorn a message that will influence temporal and -'erual destiny. There is a rash young man running into wild speculation, and with as much ink as you can put on the pen at one time you may save put on the pen at one time you may save him from the Niagara rapids of a ruined life. On the next street there is a young man started in business who through lack of patronage or mistake in purchase of goods or want of adaptation is on the your pen will save him from being an un-derling all his life and start him on a ca-reer that will win him a fortune which will enable him to become an endower of

libraries, an opener of art galleries and builder of churches. The most largely suc essful and useful The most largely suc essful and useful men of our time once wore an old coat because they could not afford a new one, and got wages less than that which they pay their cook or butler. It will be a mighty thing if out of your inkstand you can dip a man's earthly and everlasting fortune. Dip out of that inkstand not one fortune. Dip out of that inkstand not one word of disheartenment. People have enough burdens to carry without your adding one ounce to the heft. From your inkstand put not one blot on an honest ambition. Keep all the whole of your factory spinning rays of sunshine. If you are a Christian man, put into your business letters an adroit, moral, religious suggestion that will keep the receiver thinking after he has left the counting room for his home and far on into the night when he home and far on into the night when he lies upon a wakeful pillow. To-morrow morning at 11 o'clock, as you begin to answer your letters, you will have on the nib of your pen enough ink to save a soul from

deat's and hide a multitude of sins. Furthermore, great are the responsibilities of the author's inkhorn. All the peoties of the author's inkhorg. All the peo-ple, or nearly all the people, read, and that which they read decides their morals or immorals, their prosperity or failure, their faith or their unbelief, their purity or cor-ruption, their heaven or hell. Show me any man's library, great or small, and af-ter examining the books, finding those with leaves uncut, but displayed for sake of the binding, and those worn with frequent leaves uncut, but displayed for sake of the binding, and those worn with frequent perusal, and without ever seeing the mau or knowing his name, I will tell you his likes and his dislikes, his morals, good or bad or indifferent, his qualifications for business or artistic or professional or mechanical life. The best index to any man's character is the book he prefers above all others. Oh, the power of a book for good or evil!

Also ham, Lincoln in early life read

Abr.ham Lincoln in early life read Paine's "Age of Reason," and it so influ-enced him that he wrote an essay against Christianity. But afterward some Christian books came into his hands and gloriously changed his mind and made him a most ardent friend of the Bible and a man of prayer. A letter in Mr. Lincoln's own handwriting is in my house, the letter in response to some resolutions passed by a Methodist conference, saying: "In response to your address allow me to attest the acto your address allow me to attest the accuracy of its historical statements, indorse the sentiments it expresses and
thank you in the nation's name for the
sure promise it gives. Nobly sustained as
the Government has been by all the
churches, I would utter nothing which
might in the least appear invidious against
any. Yet without this it may fairly be
sail that the Methodiat Episcopal

MOROCCO MUST PAY UP DR. TALMAGE'S SERMON Church, not less devoted than the best, is by its great numbers the most important of all. It is no fault in others nortant of all. It is not all the Methodist church sends more soldiers to the field, more nurses to the hospital and more prayers to heaven than any. God bless the Methodist church, bless all the churches, and blessed

be God, who in this, our great trial, giv-eth us the churches." when a had book is printed, you do well to blame the publisher, but most of all blame the author. The malaria rose from his inkstand; the poison that caused the moral or spiritual death dropped in the fluid from the tip of his pen. The manufacturer of that ink could tell you that it is to do for the pen and put the standard of tenning and sult of iron and nut. is made of tannin and salt of iron and nut salls and green vitriol, but many an author has dipped from his inkstand hyper-criticism and malevolence and slander and salaciousness, as from a fountain of

But blessed oe God for the author's inktand in 10,000 studies which are dedicated to pure intelligence, highest inspiration and grandest purpose. They are the inkstands out of which will be dipped the redemption of the world. The destroying angels with their swords seen in Ezekiel's vision will be finally overcome by the merciful angel and the writer's inkhorn.

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Among the most important are the editorial and reportorial inkstands. The thick ink on the printer's roller is different from the ink into which the writer dint his pen and is compounded of linseed oil and lampbiack and made thick by boiling or burning. But the editorial and reportorial pens are responsible for that which the printer's ink roller impresses upon the flying sheets. Where one man reads a book, 5000 men read a newsoaper. What change of opinion in regard to the What change of opinion in regard to the printing press since the day when the great Addison wrote concerning it. "One great Addison wrote concerning it. "One cannot but be sorry that such a pernicious machine is erected among them." and when, under the reign of Charles II., only one newspaner, the London Gazette, was allowed to be printed, and that only on Mondays and Thursdays! Not until the judgment day, when the forces which have influenced the world shall be compared and announced, will be known the power of the modern newspaper. of the modern newspaper.

With its telephonic and telegraphic annexes, all the world twice a day passes in review. The manner in which continental and international events are put before us

and international events are put before us makes deep impression.

We gaze on all the conflagrations and watch the pursuit of all the collisions and rejoice in all the discoveries and thank God for all the noble achievements.

After the editor has corrected the last proof of his editorial and the reporter has put into the form his last stenographic report of swift utterance or announced in

nort of swift utterance or announced in hest form some great munificence or sketched in most forceful style some brave sketched in most forcettil style some have rescue by firemen or lifeboat, he has a right to go home feeling that he has done something worth doing, something that his conscience will approve and God will

A wright theory is abroad that the newspaper impression is ephemeral. Because we read and east it aside in an hour and never see it again we are not to judge that we are parted from its influence. No volume of 500 pages makes such impression upon the people as the daily newspaper. It is not what we put away carefully upon the shelf and once in awhile refer to that has as close relation to our welfare as the story of what the world is now doing or has recently done. Yesterday has more to do with to-day tran something occur-ring a century previous. The engineers who now guide the rail trains, the sea who now guide the rail trains, the sea captains who now command the ships, the architects who now design the buildings, the batons that now control the orche-tras, the legislators who now make the laws, the generals who now march the hosts, the rulers who now govern the nathe inkhorns that now flood the world with intelligence—these are what we have most to do with.

we have most to do with.

Thomas Guthrie dipped into it and brought up "The Gospel In Ezekiel." John Cumming dipped into it and brought up "The Apocalypse." Oh, the opulence of Christian literature! Oh, the mighty streams of evangelistic power that have poured from the writer's inkhorn that appeared in Ezekiel's vision!

While you recognize the distinguished

peared in Ezekiel's vision!

While you recognize the distinguished ones who have dipped into the inkstand of the world's evangelization do not forget that there are hundreds of thousands is when the peared in the of unknown men and women who are engaged in inconspicuous ways doing the same thing. How many anxious mothers writing to the boys in town! How many writing to the boys in town: How many sisters writing encouragement to brothers far away! How many invalids bolstered up in bed, the inkhorn on the stand at their side, writing letters of condolence to those worse off than themselves! They are flying all the time kind words, gospel words, helpful words, saving words.

Call the evangelistic inkhorn into serv-

Call the evangelistic inkhorn into service in the early morning, when you feel well, and you are grateful for the protection during your sleeping hours, and write before you retire at close of day to those who all night long will be saying, "Would to God it were morning!" How many bruised and disappointed and wronged souls of earth would be glad to get a letter from you! Stir up that consolatory ter from you! Stir up that consolatory

inkhorn.
All Christendom has been waiting for great revivals of religion to start from the pulpist and prayer meetings. I now suggest that the greatest revival of all time may start from a concerted and organized movement through the inkhorns of all Christendom, each writer dipping from the inkhorn nearest him a letter of gospel invitation, gospel hope, gospel warning, gospel instruction. The ink is all ready on a hundred thousand tables, and beside it are the implements with which to dip it out. Why not through such process have millions of souls brought to God before next summer? By letter you could make the invitation more effective than by word of mouth. The invitation from your lips may be argued back, may evoke querulous reply, may be answered by a joke, but a good, warm, gospel letter, written in prayer, and started with prayer, and followed by prayer, will be read over and over again and cannot be answered in

and over again and cannot be answered in a frivolous way.

Within arm's reach of where you sit there may be a fluid that you may put on wing with message of light and love. Oh, for the swift flying angel of mercy which Ezekiel saw in vision "with a writer's inkhorn by his side."

The other angels spoken of in my text were destroying angels, and each had

were destroying angels, and each had what the Bible calls a "slaughter weap-on" in his hand. It was a lance or a battleax or a sword. God hasten the time when the last lance shall be shivered, and the last battleax dulled, and the last sword sheathed, and the angel of the text, who Matthew Henry says was the Lord Jesus Christ, shall from the full inkhorn of His mercy give a saving call to all na-tions. That day may be far off, but it is helpful to think of its coming.

As Dr. Raleigh declared that when thirty-six miles at sea off the coast of New England the cattle on board the ship as well as himself scented the clover on the New England hills, s we amid all the toss-ing waves of the world's controversies in-hale the redolence of the white lilies of universal peace our Bible is true-and no other book

that was ever printed is as true as that book, which Moses began and John finished—then the time will come when all the weapons of cruelty will stop, and the inkhorns of evangelization will have their way. In the museums of the world the carbine and the cannon and the bomb will be kept as curiosities, and children will be incredulous as parents tell them that civilized nations once employed such instru-ments of death, and more incredulous when told by their parents that the army that killed the most men was considered the most glorious army. The red horse of carnage that St. John saw in vision and the black horse of famine and the pale borse of death will be stabled, and the the Bisect Ross of lamme and the pate horse of death will be stabled, and the white horse of prosperity and peace, mounted by the King of Kings, will lead the great army with banners. Through the convicting, converting, sanctifying power of the Eternal Spirit may we all narch in that procession! Hail, thou Mighty Rider of the white horse in the final triumph! Sweep down and sweep by, thou Angel of the New Covenant, with the inkhorn of the world's evangelization! "The mountains and the hills shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree, and it shall be to the Lord for a name, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off."

FOR APRIL 7.

Subject: The Resurrection of Jesus, Luke xxiv., 1-12 - Golden Text, I Cor. xv., 20-Memory Verses, 4-7-Commentary on the Day's Lesson.

on the Day's Lesson.

1. "The first day of the week." Christ was in the tornb part of Friday, all day Saturday and part of Sunday, which was called three days according to Jewish reckoning. He arose very early in the morning on the first day of the week. The manner of the reuniting of Christ's soul and body in His resurrection is a mystery, one of the secret things that does not belong to us. The first company of women were three: Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, the mother of the beloved disciple, John. They began their journey to the sepulchre before dawn, reaching the place at sunrise. At the appearance of the angel the Roman guards were so frightened that they fell as dead men, and it would seem that they guards were so frightened that they fell as dead men, and it would seem that they fled from the tomb before the women came. "Very early in the morning." They came at the earliest moment after their Sabbath. They probably left their homes in different parts of the city at different times, some of them reaching the tomb at sunrise. So, in our service of love for Christ we ought to come early in the at sunrise. So, in our service of love for Christ, we ought to come early in the morning of life before we have wasted our energies in sin. "Bringing the spices." Powdered aromatic substances and fluid perfumes appear to have been used in laying out the dead body for burial. They proposed to apply these spices to His body to keep it from putrefaction, which is another proof that they did not expect Him to rise again.

to rise again.
2. "The stone rolled away." women journeyed they questioned who should roll away the stone, but when they reached the tomb they discovered the stone was rolled away. The tomb was stone was rolled away. The tomb was cut in the side of a rock, like a cave, large enough for several persons to enter. The entrance was protected by a stone, some-times round, like a large millstone, rolled in front of the opening. The difficulty was a serious one, for the stone was very large (Mark 16: 4); covering an aperture of at least three or four feet in height and two or three in breadth, and it would take two or three men to move it. Sometimes duty seems impossible, but as we go on obediently the difficulty vanishes, as

on obediently the difficulty vanishes, as it did before these women.

3. "They entered in." Mary Magdalenc seems to have been in advance of the rest and only looked in (John 20: 1); the others entered. "Found not the body." The linen grave clothes were there, but the tomb could not hold Christ. The empty grave was the boundary line between the old dispensation and the new. The sublimest expectations of the Old Testament were now fulfilled in the resurrection of Christ.

Christ.

4. "Much perplexed." They did not know what to do or where to go. Their thought was, "They have taken away the Lord, and we know not where they have laid Him." "Two men." Angels, Matt. 28: 5. Matthew speaks of but one, the one who did the speaking, and Mark speaks of him as a young man. "Shining garments." Matthew says his countenance was like lightning and his raiment white as snow. The raiment was emblematical of the glad tidings which the angels came of the glad tidings which the angels

to announce, and also of purity and fel-lowship with God. Rev. 3: 4, 5.

5. "They were afraid." It is no won-der that the women were afraid. Mat-thew says that through fear the keepers "did shake and became as dead men."
"They." The angels. "Said." "Why seek ye the living among the dead?" It admits of doubt whether the Greek cr-pression here would not have been more pression here would not have been more literally rendered, "the living one"—the great source of life, the life of the world.

6. "He is—risen." He was crucified, but is risen. Instead of anointing Him as dead they may rejoice in His being alive from the dead. Death hath no more dominion over Him. The resurrection morn was a time of giadness to the disciples of Jesus. It brought (1) joy, (2) victory, (3) faith, (4) hope. It is the true comfort of all believers. How mournfully do the women go to the tomb, but how joyfully do they return. The risen Christ is the remedy for every trouble; His resurrection is the neledge of ours. But that crrection is the pledge of ours. But that which causes rejoicing on the part of some will bring consternation and despair to others. The proofs of the resurrection are ample. 1. He appeared frequently at different times and places to many.

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apostles believed it so fully that they
based their hope of eternal life upon it.
3. They were completely transformed after the resurrection and attested their
faith by their own death. 4. The very
existence of the Christian church and its
power for good in the world. 5. The
spiritual life put in the hearts of His people (Rom. 8: 11)—the fact that He saves
men and makes His promises good to
them proves conclusively that Christ is
alive from the dead. "Remember." Call
to mind what you have forgotten in your
sorrow over His death. "In Galilee." This
was their home (chap. 23: 55), and nearly
a year before He had told of His coming
death.

death.
7. "Saying." See chap. 9: 22, 44, 45;
18: 31-33; Matt. 16: 21. "Rise again."
Jesus had tried to impress them with this truth in order to comfort them in the hour of their great sorrow, but they failed on their great sorrow, but they failed to comprehend its meaning.

9. "Returned from the sepulchre."
Matthew says the angel told them to go quickly and tell His disciples that He was risen, and that they departed quickly with fear and great joy, and did run to bring the disciples word.

10. "Mary Magdalene." She was a native of Magdala, a town on the Sea of Calilee, and was foremost among the hon-orable women who ministered unto Christ and His disciples, being especially devoted to Christ for His mercy in casting out from her seven evil spirits. Luke 8:2,3. There is no evidence that she was ever a bad character. "Joanna." Wife of Chuza, the steward of Herod Antipas (chap. 8: 3), and hence a voman of some influence and wealth. "Mary, the mother of James." Called James the Less to distinguish him from James, the brother of John. She was the wife of Alpheus (compare Mark 3: 18), who seems also to have been called Cleophas. John 19: 25. 11. "Believed them not." They thought

they must surely be mistaken; they could not understand or comprehend their words.
12. "Then arose Peter." John 12. "Then arose Peter." John went with Him and reached the sepulchre first. John 20: 2, 3. They heard the story from Mary Magdalene, before the women returned. "The linen clothes." This was the fine linen in which Joseph of Arimathea wrapped the body. This small circumstance is no mean proof of the resurrection of our Lord. Had the body been stolen away all that was wrapped about it would have been taken with it.

it would have been taken with it. Cable Steamers.

There are over forty steamers affoat there are over lorty steamers affoat whose sole work is the laying and main-tenance of the world's vast system of telegraph cables. Seven of these belong to Government administrations, and the remainder to maintenance and other remainder to maintenance. Government administrations, and the remainder to manufacturing and cable operating companies. Ten of the cable-laying ships are owned by the three largest English cable manufacturers. One of the largest of these cable ships is of about 5000 tons displacement, with a carrying capacity of 8000 tons, and has carried 2500 nautical miles of deep sea cable in one trip. cal miles of deep sea cable in one trip.

Judges May Sleep on the Bench. Slumber, in naps of four or five minutes, while upon the beach and during the hearwhile upon the bench and during the hearing of a tiresome case, is the boon given to Judges by a decision handed down by Judge Adams in the Appellate Court at Chicago. He holds that slumber on the bench snatched by a Judge during the progress of a trial is not a reversible error in the case. The appellant charged that Judge Stein, who tried the case, was askep part of the time, and did not hear the testimony.

High School Statistics. In the whole United States the public high schools in 1899 graduated 20,344 boys and 36,124 girls. In 1898 the whole number of boys in attendance at public high schools was 189,187; of girls, 260,413.

Arbor Day in Italy. A day has been set aside throughout all Italy for the planting of trees by the youth of the public schools.

THE SABBATH SCHOOL GOD'S MESSAGE TO MAN.

INTERNATIONAL LESSON COMMENTS PREGNANT THOUGHTS FROM THE WORLD'S GREATEST PROPHETS.

In Lenten-Tide - Cheapened by Contrast - Religious Barrenness - Lead Me by Thy Spirit - Spiritual Gymnastics -

Divine Seed in Human Soil. The Christmas echoes die away; We leave the manger's side, And with the Man of Galilee We wander far and wide. No earthly kingdom 'neath His feet, No crown-upon His head, No pomp of princely royalty About His life is spread.

But lowly, scorned, misunderstood, The Nazarene we see, Until our very hearts melt down With love and sympathy. We trace the thorny way He trod, The lost to seek and save, Whom to redeem from sin and pai His power divine He gave.

Oh, Lenten-tide that brings us down To penitence and tears, We feel the shadow of the cross, We feel the chill of fears, As down to dark Gethsemane, And up to Calvary's hill, We trace the steps of One who came To do His Father's will.

-Emma A. Lette.
Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

Cheapened by Contrast.

I think it is perfectly absurd for a man to say he is perfectly sanctified. He is not within a thousand miles of it. Once, when in Leicester, I was paying parochial calls, and dropped in on a washerwoman who had just got out a line of clothes. I congratulated my friend because they looked so white. So, very much encouraged by her pastor's kind words, she asked him to have a cup of tea, and we sat down. Whilst we were taking the tea, the sky clouded and there was a snow-storm; and as I came out the white snow lay everywhere, and I said to here:

"Your washing does not look quite so clean as it did." "Ah!" she said, "the washing is right enough; but what can stand against God

Almighty's white?" So you may think that you are clean, because you have never seen God. When you see God, your holiest day will seem to be imperfect; you will abhor yourself and repent in dust and ashes, and you will need to say: "Forgive me my debts as I forgive my debtors."— Rev. F. B. Meyer.

Religious Barrenness.

Lest any one should be unduly severe n applying this subject to himself, he ought at the start to make certain dis-riminations. We are all, it is true, far from that warmth and fertility of re-igious experience which is desirable. On the other hand, self-examination sometimes degenerates into morbidness and despair. Absence of fervid feeling loes not necessarily imply religious barcenness. If "a man may smile and smile and be a villain still," it is equally rue that a man may weep and and still be at heart impure and base. Nor does a certain degree of reaction from the outward and conventional in eligion always imply that one is on the lown grade. The instinct which impels one to draw back from the grooves in which he has been moving, from the old-time method of reading or studying the Bible, from a certain round of per-functory religious duties may be in its seence a noble one, prompting to something better than anything yet known m the Christian life.—Rev. H. Bridgman, in the Congregationalist.

Lead Me by Thy Spirit. O God our Father, who art everywhere and always with thy children, help me especially to use all dedicated times and places with a reverent faith and hearty love, rejoicing in assurance of thy presence and the fellowship of consecrated days many the assurance of thy love in Jesus Christ be my heart's joy. Let his life be my pattern, his teaching my meditation, his power and guidance my unfailing hope. Let every outward form and spoken word aid my devotion and may I wait before thee always with a thankful heart. Pardon my sins and help me to forgive. Lead me by thy Spirit into perfect service and pure communion of the blessed life with thee. For all these outward forms and fixed observances are shadows of thy presence. Thou art all love. Thou hast all power, and everywhere thy children rest in thee. Amen.

Spiritual Gymnastics.

As in physical gymnastics there are awkwardness, and blundering, and mishaps and falls and bruises at the start, but dexterity, gracefulness, and pleasure afterwards, so it is in the spiritual gymnastics whose aim and end are Godlikemess. The law of habit is a law of God that always works for our happiness when we put ourselves in right relation to it. Exercise unto godliness becomes delightful in proportion to the earnestness, regularity, and perseverance with which it is maintained. Prayer, praise, the study of the Holy Scriptures, Christian conversation, and Christian work of whatever kind-all the devotions and all the activities of a Christian life-become more and more delightful as you go forward in the way of duty. By exercise you acquire facility, skill, power, de-light. When the soul becomes accustomed to the attitude of reverence, love, and obedience toward God, it is heaven on earth.-Bishop O. P. Fitzgerald, in

Divine Seed in Human Soil.

"Sunset Views."

The parable of the tares applies to the individual as truly as to society. The numan heart is like a field or garden. Good seed and bad spring up therein together. Each of us is like a gardener, our hearts being the spheres of our laoors. God gives us good seed to plant and nurture. We know only too well low thick and fast the weeds grow. Yet we have learned that by honest, pa-tient, prayerful endeavor they can be checked and even eradicated, and the good seed assured supremacy as it

The divine seed has several forms. One is that of divine truth. When we hear it or read it, if we cherish it, medtate upon it, try to realize to ourselves its meaning and value, and seek to rule our conduct by it, it implants itself within us and at once begins to exert a mighty and purifying influence.-Congregationalist.

Be sure that straightforwardness is more than a match at last for all the involved windings of deceit. In your daily life do what you feel right, what you feel true, and leave, with faith and boldness, the consequences to God. -F. W. Robertson.

Annual Output of Proc.ous Stones. The report of the United States Geological Survey on the production of precious stones for the division of mining and mineral resources, shows that the total value of the output of precious stones in the United States for 1800 is \$232,210, as compared with \$185.770 in 1809, a gain of \$16,440, or twenty-five per cent. The stones of greatest value produced in the United States were: Turquois, \$\$2,000; sapphire, \$75,000: rhodolite, \$20,000; berryl, \$11,000; quartz crystal, \$10,000, while the value of The report of the United States Geologquartz crystal. \$10,050, while the value of diamonds produced in the United States in the year under review was only \$150.

Berlin's Underground Road. Berlin will construct an underground